THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Air and Water Pollution in Kota, Rajasthan

1585. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated air and water pollution in Kota City of Rajasthan due to the location of heavy industries in and around Kota; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to control pollution in Kota City?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) According to the available estimates, the air pollution land in terms of sulphur dioxide and particulate matter is 132.37 and 85 tonnes per day respectively. The water pollution load as estimated in terms of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) ranges from 50 to 500 milligrammes per litre of waste water.

(b) The steps taken to control pollution include the following:

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed for major polluting industries;

(ii) Industries have been directed to install pollution control devices to meet the standards;

(iii) Incentives are provided to industries for installing pollution control devices; and

(iv) Air and water quality monitoring stations have been set up.

Irregularities in Ashok Yatri Niwas

1586. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Reception Office of Ashok Yatri Niwas has been refusing accommodation to persons who have already deposited money in advance;

(b) whether it is a fact that travellers have to wait in the lobby for hours to get accommodation in spite of advance booking;

(c) whether any complaints of this nature have been made by travellers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that an amount of about Rs. 2 lahks was found missing from the Reception Office recently;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what steps have been taken to overhaul the entire Reception Office and provide adequate and prompt service to customers?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Every effort is made to provide rooms to the guests immediately on their arrival. However, due to very high occupancy, some of the guests of the Ashok Yatri Niwas arriving before the check in time *i.e.* 12 noon on rare occasions may have to wait till 12 noon being the check-out time when a large number of guests leave the accommodation.

(c) A few complaints have been received.

(d) and (e) A briefcase containing a sum of about Rs 2 lakhs (including foreign currency and a cheque) was reported missing on 9-2-1987 for which a police case was registered for embezzlement the same day with the local police. The Head Cashier was arrested on 10-2-1987 and on the same day he was placed under suspension.

(f) The reception staff has been instructed to extend prompt service to the guests. The manpower at the Reception has been strengthened and time for allotment rooms has been advanced from 12 noon to 8.00 A.M. without extra charge.